

Opportunities for Scouts

At the

2009

SPIRIT of the JERSEYS

State History Fair

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Washington Crossing State Park

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The Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair offers several opportunities for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts to meet Achievements and Electives. Scouts should work with their leaders to ensure the requirements are met. Visit www.njhistoryfair.org for a list of participating organizations and activities scheduled for this year's History Fair.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

- 2 Have a picnic or attend the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair.
- 13 Explore Washington Crossing State Park.

Cub Scout Leave No Trace Awareness Award

- 2 Practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace on this outing.

Tiger Cubs

Achievements

- 1G Visit the Washington Crossing State Park Visitor Center Museum where you can learn about General George Washington's famous 1776 Crossing of the Delaware and watch the video "The Ten Crucial Days" or visit the Johnson Ferry House to see live demonstrations of 18th century domestic arts.
- 3G Watch a 19th century Baseball Game between the Flemington Neshanocks and the Newark Eurekas. The rules from 1870s will be explained before the game and children may get an opportunity to hit a pitched ball after the game.
- 4G Watch members of the Hunterdon Radio Theater broadcast live at the History Fair.
- 5G Take a walk along Continental Lane which stretches the length of the Fairgrounds. This quarter-mile hike is just right for Tiger Cubs.

Electives

- 3 Fun and Games: Participate in the new Great American Race through Time.
- 22 Picnic Fun: What better place to have a picnic than a beautiful park. Dens and families can bring their own food or purchase food from one of our food vendors. For a list of available food vendors, please check the website at www.njhistoryfair.org.
- 35 There are many outdoor playing opportunities in our 19th century and 20th century game areas. Come roll a hoop with a stick, play graces with a friend or participate in a race as you balance an egg upon a spoon.

Wolf Cubs

Achievements

- 4f Visit Washington Crossing State Park where you can learn about General George Washington's famous 1776 Crossing of the Delaware and Watch t video "The Ten Crucial Days" or visit the Johnson Ferry House to see live demonstrations of 18th century domestic arts.
- 10c Take a walk along Continental Lane which stretches the length of the Fairgrounds. This quarter-mile hike is great for Wolf Cubs.
- 10f Attend the Hunterdon Radio Theater's live radio performance or one of the many musical performances offered throughout the day.

Electives

- 4c/e Play a Game: Play ring toss and marbles in the games area.
- 18a/b Outdoor Adventure: What better place to have a picnic than a beautiful park. Dens and families can bring their own food or purchase food from one of our food vendors. Help plan your family or den's outing with information on the website at www.njhistoryfair.org.

Bear Cubs

Achievements

- 3b The Fair includes actor portrayals of several famous Americans. You can learn about Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Peter Mott, Dr. Jonathan Pitney, Harriet Tubman, General George Washington, and Walt Whitman.
- 3c Visit the 18th century Johnson Ferry House and the 19th century Nelson House. Both will be open for visitation.
- 3d Visit the Washington Crossing State Park Visitor Center Museum where you can learn about General George Washington's famous 1776 Crossing of the Delaware and watch the video "The Ten Crucial Days" or visit the Johnson Ferry House to see live demonstrations of 18th century domestic arts.
- 8d Learn about Genealogy with the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the Central Jersey Genealogical Club. Visit the exhibit on the Historic Stockton School and learn about NJ's oldest 3-room schoolhouse.
- 10a Spend a day exploring four centuries of NJ's History at the Spirit of the Jerseys Fair.
- 12c What better place to have a picnic than a beautiful park? Dens and families can bring their own food or purchase food from one of our food vendors.
- 12d The Spirit of the Jerseys Fair is many events in one. Attend an antique car show with the Mid Jersey Antique Car Club, watch a 1870s baseball game between the Flemington Neshanocks and the Newark Eureka's, participate in the new Great American Race through Time, or observe military reenactment groups from the American Revolution, the Civil War or World War II.
- 12e Help plan your family's outing with information on the website at www.njhistoryfair.org.
- 21e View a model of the historic Johnson Ferry House. It is on display in the Washington Crossing Visitor Center Museum.

Webelos

Activity Badges

Citizen

- 11 Learn about two U.S. Presidents at the Spirit of the Jerseys Fair. George Washington will be portrayed by actors. The Grover Cleveland Birthplace State Historic Site sponsors the 19th century game area where you can learn about President Cleveland's youth and his political career. You can even learn his connection to the Baby Ruth candy bar.

Communicator

- 4 Try your hand at Morse Code with Historic Speedwell's hands-on exhibit.

Scholar

- 9 Visit the exhibit on the Historic Stockton School and learn about NJ's oldest 3-room schoolhouse.

Cub Scouts

Academics and Sports Program

Academics Program

Citizenship: Pin

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Collecting: Belt Loop

- 3 Many exhibits at the Fair feature historical collections. Examples include World War II memorabilia, postage stamps and NJ archaeological artifacts.

Collecting: Pin

- 5 Visit the Education Thru Philately, Inc. exhibit to learn about stamp collecting.

Heritages: Pin

- 7 Learn about tracing family records with the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the Central Jersey Genealogical Club.

Music: Belt Loop

- 3 Listen to Sea Chanties with the Sea Dogs and Blue Grass of the last century with the Long Hill String Band.

Music: Pin

- 6 The Spirit of the Jerseys Fair offers numerous musical performances throughout the day.

Wildlife Conservation: Pin

- 8 The Spirit of the Jerseys Fair takes place at one of New Jersey's State Parks, Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville.

Cub Scouts

Academics and Sports Program

Sports Program

Bicycling: Pin

- 4 See several examples of early bikes in action.
- 9 Enjoy an exhibit on early bicycling.

Marbles: Belt Loop

- 2 Practice playing marbles in one of our historic game areas.
- 3 Participate in a game of marbles as it was played in the 19th century.

Marbles: Pin

- 5 Play in a marbles match in our 20th century game area.

Boy Scouts

Merit Badges

American Business

- 1b Learn about people who played a part in the Industrial Revolution: Alfred Vail (Historic Speedwell) and Thomas Edison (Edison Memorial Tower and Edison National Historic Park).

American Heritage

- 2a The Fair includes actor portrayals of several famous Americans. You can learn about Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Peter Mott, Dr. Jonathan Pitney, Harriet Tubman, General George Washington, and Walt Whitman. Additional exhibits highlight President Grover Cleveland, Thomas Edison and others.
- 3c Learn about Genealogy with the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the Central Jersey Genealogical Club.
- 4b Historical societies and museums from throughout the state will be represented at the Fair. You should be able to find a group that deals with your local history.
- 4e Take a walk along Continental Lane which stretches the length of the Fairgrounds. This is believed to have been used by some of General Washington's troops on the march to Trenton.
- 5c Listen to Sea Chanties with the Sea Dogs and Blue Grass of the last century with the Long Hill String Band.

Archaeology

- 3 Learn about archaeology at the Archaeological Society of NJ exhibit.
- 8c Take part in mock archaeological digs with B.R.A.V.O. (Battlefield Restoration and Archaeological Volunteer Organization) and the Blairstown Historic Preservation Commission.

Citizenship in the Community

- 1 Learn how a bill becomes a law at the State House Tour Office's table.
- 6 State Historic Sites and State Parks are service provided by the community and funded by taxpayers. Washington Crossing State Park is the setting for the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair.

Citizenship in the Nation

- 2a Washington Crossing State Park is a National Historic Landmark. General George Washington's 1776 crossing was the start of the Ten Crucial Days – a major turning point in the American Revolution.

Genealogy

- 5a Learn about Genealogy with the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the Central Jersey Genealogical Club.
- 5e Visit the New Jersey State Archives exhibit and learn about their archival record collection.
- 8a Meet with members of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, the Central Jersey Genealogical Club or the staff of the New Jersey State Archives to learn how computers and the internet are used in genealogical research.

Indian Lore

- 1 Watch a demonstration of Lenape cooking and fishing techniques.

Journalism

- 4 Attend the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair and use it as a basis for your news story, radio presentation or photographic record. Press release information and Calendar listing information is available on our website www.njhistoryfair.org on the Publicity Materials button on the menu.

Music

- 3 Listen to Sea Chanties with the Sea Dogs or attend a performance of the Long Hill String Band which will be playing bluegrass music throughout the day at the Fair.

Railroading

- 8b Visit the Friends of the New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center exhibit to learn about NJ's railroads.

Stamp Collecting

- 1a Learn how stamps can teach history, geography and culture by visiting the Education Thru Philately, Inc. exhibit.

Girl Scouts

Junior Colonist

- 1 Visit the 18th century Johnson Ferry House which will be open for visitation.
- 3 Watch wool being spun on a wheel or try your hand at using a drop spindle.
- 7 Learn about Colonial cooking by watching a demonstration of 17th century Quaker cooking and 18th century Dutch cooking. Plow a furrow and shell corn.
- 8 Visit the period garden at the Johnson Ferry House to learn about how the colonists grew their food and medicinal plants.

Brownies

Life in Colonial Times

- 1 Visit the 18th century Johnson Ferry House which will be open for visitation.
- 2 Learn about Colonial cooking by watching a demonstration of 17th century Quaker cooking and 18th century Dutch cooking. Plow a furrow and shell corn.
- 3 History comes alive at the Spirit of the Jerseys Fair. Actors portray famous colonists such as General George Washington. You can observe a variety of colonial style dress from our many presenters and volunteers located in the 18th century section of the Fair.
- 8 Play with 18th century style toys at the Johnson Ferry House. Many games from the colonial era were still played in the 19th century. Our 19th century game area includes some of these old favorites like the hoop and stick or graces.
- 9 View a map showing the United States back in the colonial times at the Johnson Ferry House.